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BIBLICAL STUDY DURING THE SUMMER QUARTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

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Special opportunity for Bible study will be offered during next July, August, and September at The University of Chicago. It is an established order at The University that not only shall the work of the summer quarter be maintained at the same standard of thoroughness and variety as in other portions of the year, but that there shall be in addition several courses by biblical professors of national and international reputation. Last summer, besides the large number of courses given by the regular university staff of instructors, there were courses in Biblical Apologetics, New Testament Textual Criticism, and the Philosophy of Religion by Professor A. B. Bruce, D.D., of Glasgow, Scotland; Professor C. R. Gregory, Ph.D., LL.D., of Leipzig, Germany, and Dr. A. M. Fairbairn, of Oxford, England. The wisdom, usefulness, and popularity of this plan were made evident. The number of students enrolled in the biblical courses during the last summer quarter was actually larger than the number so enrolled for the preceding spring quarter, a portion of the customary school year.

Arrangements of like attractiveness have been made for the coming summer quarter. Two eminent biblical professors from Europe will give lectures at The University during the first term of the quarter, July 1st to August 11th, upon Old and New Testament themes.

George Adam Smith, D.D., Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis in the Free Church College, Glasgow, Scotland, is one of Great Britain's ablest Old Testament scholars, and the author of several books of the highest value for biblical study, among them the two volumes on Isaiah and the two volumes on the Minor Prophets in the Expositor's Bible series, and the monumental work on the Historical Geography of the Holy Land. Professor Smith will give eight lectures upon the subject of Hebrew Poetry.

Joseph Agar Beet, D.D., Professor of Systematic Theology in the Wesleyan Theological College at Richmond, England, is widely known as the author of a valuable set of commentaries for students of the English Bible on the greater Pauline Epistles, and of other works of theological and religious import, the latest of which are *Through Christ to God* and *The New Life in Christ*. Professor Beet will give four lectures upon *The Historic Grounds of the Christian Faith*.

Two American scholars also, from other institutions, will give regular courses of instruction at The University during the first term of the summer quarter.

Professor Rush Rhees, of Newton Theological Institution, Newton, Mass., will give two courses in New Testament subjects. One upon Special Phases of the Life of Jesus, treating of the attitude of Jesus toward the Old Testament religion, toward Pharisaism, and toward the Messianic hope; his use of miracles and parables; and his self-consciousness. The other upon The Gospel of John, comprising introduction, analysis, and interpretation of the text upon the basis of modern English versions. During the term Professor Rhees will give, in addition, a series of five public lectures upon The Psalms of the Pharisees.

George T. Ladd, D.D., Professor of Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics at Yale University, will give a course of lectures upon *The Philosophy of Religion*, discussing the principal topics suggested by the phenomena of religion, from the speculative points of view, such as the proofs for the being of God, the divine predicates and relations to the world, nature and the supernatural, the religious nature of man, revelation, inspiration, miracle, immortality, and the "Kingdom of God" or the ideal social community.

The lectures and courses of instruction which have now been described are additional to the full and regular list of courses offered during the summer quarter by the regular staff of university instructors in the biblical departments. The programme of these courses comprises work in the Semitic and Greek languages, Old and New Testament history and history contemporary with these, archæology, biblical literature, biblical interpretation, and biblical theology. Only a brief conspectus of this programme need be given here. Full and detailed announcements can be secured on application to The University of Chicago.

The department of SEMITIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES presents the following list of courses:

Head Professor W. R. Harper will give a double minor course in *The Book of Job*, comprising a critical translation, a study of the language of the book, its place in literature, and the characteristics of Hebrew poetry. During the first term he will give a minor course in *Hebrew Syntax* and, with the assistance of Dr. Crandall, a major course in *Beginning Hebrew*. During the second term, a minor course in *Hebrew Etymology* and a minor course in *Arabic Geography*, *History and Commentary*, consisting of the study of selections from these three classes of Arabic literature.

Associate Professor I. M. Price will be present during the second term.

¹ A "minor" course at The University consists of one hour a day of class-room instruction, four or five days in the week, during one term—six weeks. A "double minor" consists of the same amount of daily instruction extended through the entire quarter—twelve weeks. A "major" course consists of two hours' daily instruction for one term, and a "double major" the same for the entire quarter.

He will give a minor course in *Modern Discoveries and the Old Testament*, presenting the results of recent discoveries in the Orient which aid in the understanding of the Old Testament. Also, a minor course on *The Psalter* (English version used), treating of its formation and characteristics, the personal, historical and national elements it contains, and its religious characteristics and use. Also, with the assistance of Dr. Breasted, a major course in *Beginning Hebrew*.

Associate Professor G. S. Goodspeed will be present during the first term. He will give a minor course in *The History of Israel*, presenting the modern view of the history of Israel and giving exercises in the rapid reading of historical German. Also, a minor course in *Oriental Antiquity under Assyrian Domination*, which embraces the study of the history of Western Asia under the great Assyrian conquerors from Shalmaneser II to Ashurbanipal.

- Dr. C. E. Crandall will be present during the first term. He will give a minor course in *Hebrew Sight Reading in Deuteronomy* and will assist Head Professor Harper with the major course in *Beginning Hebrew*.
- Dr. J. H. Breasted will give a double minor course in *Elementary Egyptian*. Also, during the first term, a minor course in *The History of Egypt*, and a minor course in *The Arabic Language*. During the second term, a minor course in *Historical Hebrew*, a critical study and translation of the Books of Samuel and a minor course in *The Arabian Nights*, sight reading; also, he will assist Associate Professor Price with the major course in *Beginning Hebrew*.
- Dr. G. R. Berry will give a double minor course in *The Assyrian Language*. Also, during the first term a minor course in *Hebrew Sight Reading in Samuel*, and during the second term a minor course in *Hebrew Sight Reading in Kings*.

The department of New Testament Language and Literature presents the following list of courses:

Head Professor E. D. Burton will give, during the first term, a minor course in *The First Epistle to the Thessalonians*, with reference to its history and interpretation. During the second term, a minor course in *The Epistle to the Galatians*, with reference to its history and interpretation. During the entire quarter also, a double minor course in *New Testament Greek*, comprising a review of Greek grammar and a study of the syntax of the verb in the New Testament, on the basis of First Corinthians, and a seminar in *The Theology of the Gospel of John*.

Associate Professor Shailer Mathews will be present during the second term. He will give a minor course in *The History of the Apostolic Church*, on the basis of the New Testament Acts and Epistles. Also, a minor course in *The Political History of the Jewish Nation in New Testament Times*. He will also give in the second term a course of five public lectures on the *Social Teachings of Jesus*.

It will be seen that this programme presents a number of beginning courses, and major courses in which a great deal of work can be done in a short time. This provision is made for the large number of students who come to The University for the summer quarter only, or even for a single term of six weeks. The standard of work done in this quarter being the same as that done in other quarters of the year, university credit toward a degree will be given in the same way for all courses taken. Entrance may be made for the entire quarter from July 1st to September 23d, or for either term, the second beginning August 12th. The tuition fee is forty dollars for the quarter, or twenty dollars for either term. Ministers and theological students doing two-thirds of their work in the Divinity School are exempt from the tuition fee. Upon application to The University a special circular of information regarding the work of the coming summer quarter will be sent.